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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**EX PARTE NOTICE**

*Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket 09-51; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket 07-135; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket 05-337; Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket 01-92; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up, WC Docket 03-109; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund, WT Docket 10-208.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 25, 2012 Melissa Newman and I, on behalf of CenturyLink, met with Sharon Gillett, Carol Matthey, Rebekah Goodheart (by phone), Steve Rosenberg, Amy Bender, Michael Byrne, Joe Cavender, and Alex Minard of the Wireline Competition Bureau. We discussed the Connect America Fund Phase One Incremental Support adopted by the Commission in the above-captioned dockets. Specifically, we discussed how the operation of the various parameters that determine eligibility for CAF Phase I Incremental Support could imperil the goals the Commission has articulated for such support. The discussion was based on the attached presentation.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S Lanning

cc: Sharon Gillett, Carol Matthey, Rebekah Goodheart, Steve Rosenberg, Amy Bender, Michael Byrne, Joe Cavender, and Alex Minard